Not long since in the course of a trial before a certain justice of the peace, counsel for the defendant requested the court to rule on a certain point, whereupon the counsel for plaintiff, whose name was Charley , insisted that the court had already passed on that point. After considerable argument and due deliberation on the part of the court, the justice, who was Irish, said:

"Chaarley, this court has niver passed on that plint." "Well," said Charley, "will your honor pess on it now?"

"I do pass on it now," responded the court with infinite dignity.

"Well, how does your honor pass on it?" inquired the perplexed with a rather sore back, and should counsel. The court straightened himself up, cleared his throat and relieved himself by delivering the following in his most impressive manner: 'Chaarley, ye must abide by the law, whatever it is."-Green Bag.

### Collars In the Commons.

An observant parliamentary reporter has been noting the styles of collars affected by the English statesmen in the house of commons. C. R. Spencer wears the highest collar. It is 4 inches deep and looks like a cuff. John Morley wears narrow the "white wings" pattern and away.-Century. changes his collars three times a day. "Bloody" Balfour wears "turnovers" which exaggerate the length of his neck. Sir William Harcourt affects the fat men's pattern, size 18, with flaring points. Mr. Gladstone's collars, familiar to every one through cartoons, are bigger and higher than lars of which we can furnish him if ever and threaten in time to reach he desires it) there is an old woman quite to the tops of his ears.-London Correspondent.

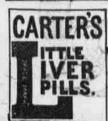
Pame.

Schumann, the famous musician, is the principal character of an amusing story told by a Vienna critic: "The composer once accompanied his wife, who was even then a celebrated pito play before the king of Holland and was gratified by the monarch's compliments of her performance. The composer was somewhat surprised, however, when the king turned to him and courteously inquired. 'Are you also musical?'

## A Distant Relative.

Gideon, speaking of a brother of his, began, "My distant relative." "What! distant, you say?" inter rupted a friend.

'I should think so. He holds an appointment in the Philippine is lands."-Madrid Comico.





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one of these is the well known "timber lesson"-clubbing at the hands of the inhabitants of certain towns. I experienced this muscular instrucoften cruel.

tending from one end of the town of Oxford, Ind., to the other. The boys and men who were "timbering" us threw rocks and clubbed us most diligently. I came out of the scrape probably have suffered more had I not been able to run with rather more than the usual speed. One of my fellow sufferers, I heard, was in a hospital for some time. My other companion had his eye gouged terribly, and I fancy that he will never visit that town again.

Apart from the "timber" custom, which I understand is now practiced in other communities also, these two states are good begging districts. There are plenty of tramps within their boundaries, and when "the eagles are gathered together" the car-"turnovers." Joey Chamberlain uses cass to be preyed upon is not far

### Traits Inherited From a Stepfather.

Touching our note on "Telegony," we have received a communication which may interest Professor Romanes. It is to the effect that in a certain parish of Wiltshire (particuwhose first husband had "bright red, thick curly hair," and their only child had exactly the same kind of hair.

The woman became a widow, and she married secondly a man with "straight, soft, light brown hair, with not the least shade of red in it. No two men could have been more unlike in appearance. Of the second anist, to the palace when she went family, there were four who resembled their father and mother-the mother had pretty brown hair and eyes-then came a boy and girl exactly like the child of the first husband, with the self same curly hair, "regular 'carrots,' blue eyes, and similar features.

They are all living now, in or near the parish in question. Perhaps, nay, probably, there were ancestors of the true parents, near or remote, who had red hair, and therefore the case is not quite a satisfactory one, but Professor Romanes may think it worth while to look into it more closely.—London Globe.

## The Smile That Never Came.

"Stranger," said the young man with the white hair and the dyed mustache to the photographer, "I am here to git my picture took, and way with 40 acres of as good ground as ever a hog stuck his nose into, and I am now goin to read her answer. When you see the pleasant smile stealin over my face, I want you to fire off the ole machine and let er go.

"All right."

The young man took his position, but he didn't get the photograph taken. Instead he rose to go without a word.

"What's the matter?" asked the photographer.

"There hain't nothin the matter, preacher, and that I ain't got the sense I was borned with, that's all." -Indianapolis Journal.

## Accounted For.

It takes the "well brought up" child to discover the hidden meanings of things. The other evening, at Mrs. E-'s in K street, somebody was showing a picture of an artistic loving cup which had just been presented to a famous actor by his professional brethren. One of the party remarked that it had always been a marvel to him why a loving cup should have three han-

"I can account," said he, "for one handle as belonging to the lover and the other as belonging to the be-

loved, but the third handle"-The shrill little voice of Mrs. Eyoungest, who has seen two elder sisters pass through the marriageable period, piped up:

"That's for the chaperon,"-Kate Field's Washington.

Could He Be a Mother? A citizen of North Dakota tells a reporter that he has to a large ex Manola-Mason company. They were re tent dropped all political problems quired to do a dance that was decidedly and is absorbed on this question, "Is distasteful to them. the hen that lays the egg or the hen that hatched it the mother of the

chicken?" At this distance it is difficult to see how the aforesaid citizen ean arrive at more than one solution of this question. Suppose he bought an incubator, furnished the heat and hatched the egg. Would he be the mother of the chicken !- Minneapolis

Journal. Disguised Economy. "Rivers, you smoke to excess. That's the third time this morning I've seen you light a fresh cigar with the stump of the old one. I call that disgraceful extravagance."

"No, Banks, it's economy. Saves matches."-Chicago Tribune.

AMAZED THE COMANCHES.

and Phonograph.

Mr. W. H. Quinette, post trader and postmaster at Fort Sill, I. T., was in town recently conferring with the government officials relative to tion at one unfortunate time in my matters connected with that post, life, and I must say that it is one of and among many interesting things the best remedies for vagabondage he spoke of about the Comanche Inthat exists. But it is very crude and dians who live at that point was the In company with two other tramps | modern inventions in the department | rural poet to sing: was made to run the gantlet ex. of electricity. Some months ago the war department established telephone service between Fort Sill and Fort Reno, 75 miles away. For their amusement some of the officers arranged to have Indians who were well acquainted with each other simultaneously brought into the two ends of the telephone line and had conversation between them opened. The effect of course was magical, as the voices were at once mutually recognized, and they were compelled to accept the explanation of the strange fact that they were hearing familiar voices of friends many miles

A much more dramatic scene was the Indians' first interview with that wonderful device, the phonograph. An agent was sent out there from the Smithsonian institution at Washington to get a phonographic record of the language and songs of red men for the archives of that institution. A little diplomacy resulted in the agent's getting his cylinders filled before the savage suspicions were aroused. The agent was introduced to the regular night meeting of the Indians for dancing, and it was explained that he had been sent out by the acquainted with them and see how they were getting along. The interview was nicely interspersed with

the chiefs, tribal songs and dancing. Of course the phonograph, adapted to receiving sounds out of doors, was meantime making its quiet but infallible record, and after awhile they were informed by Mr. Quinette that the agent had something new to show them. One after another they were permitted to place their ears to the instrument from which came the familiar sounds of their own voices in speech and song. Of course it was too much for them, and after expressing their helpless wonder their characteristic caution caused them to refuse to make any further contribution to the mysterious device But the shrewd Smithsonian agent had already recorded on that simple cylinder what will reproduce for future generations the language of the wild Comanche long after the and broken. dusky speakers and their descendants have passed from the arena of sublunary affairs.—St. Louis Post Dispatch.

Poor Spellers. That spelling is not the necessary I'll tell you how it is. I've jist popped attribute of cleverness or inability to the question to a widder down our spell the necessary mark of a fool is plain enough. No one who thinks for a minute or two on the matter will fail to remember that he knows one or two men who cannot write the simplest note without misspellings, and that these are by no means the most stupid of his acquaintances, but often the cleverest.

The Duke of Wellington, it is noto rious, could not spell and there have been plenty of other men of his men tal caliber quite as illiterate. Some one has lately collected a list of distinguished Frenchmen who could not spell, and heads it with Thiers, who, ceptin that she says she's stuck on a though not a genius, was certainly one of the cleverest men that ever lived. Thiers never could manage to spell his native language, though as a writer he was correct enough .-London Spectator.

## Working the Judge.

When the judge looked over the collection of pick ups and other vi-cious bric-a-brac spread before him in the police courtroom and saw a man under the sword of justice whom he had seen there before, he was wrathy.

"Didn't I tell you," he inquired sternly, "the last time you were here if you came again I'd send you up for 60 days?"

"Yes, your honor," confessed the culprit.

"Then what did you come here for?" "To git the 60 days, your honor.

It's cheaper'n payin board." It wouldn't do for the court to go back on its word, and the prisoner became a guest of the city for the time stated. - Detroit Free Press.

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Reconciliation.

When he begins to say it was his fault, and she begins to declare it was hers, walk softly out of the room. That is the kind of a differ ence of opinion that leads to an agree ment.—Atchison Globe.

Tact and Vanity.

A lady, being asked why plain girls often get married sooner than handsome ones, replied that it was "owing mainly to the tact of the plain girls and the vanity and want of tact on the part of men." "How do you make that out?" asked a gentleman. "In this way," answered the lady. "The plain girls flatter the men and so please their vanity, while the handsome ones wait to be flattered by the men, who haven't the tast to do it."-New York Ledger.

Aunt Louisa Eldridge was the guest of Mrs. Henry E. Abbey at the opening of the New York opera season.

Col. Henry Mapleson announces that he is completing arrangements to progreat father at Washington to get duce Audran's comic opera, "Miss Robinson," in this country next season.

Augustin Daly has secured the American rights to "Mrs. Othello," and when conversation, sonorous speeches from he returns to New York Ada Rehan is to personate the title role, which is now being acted by Fanny Brough at Toole's

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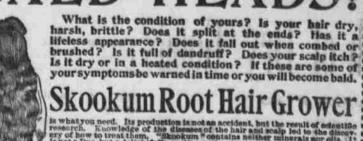
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